

YANKEES OF THE SOUTH.

The Argentine Republic Is Energetic and Progressive. Cold winds come from the south, and winter is in July; otherwise the Argen-

tine Republic is like Yankeeland.

The Parana, the chief river, is far larger than our Mississippi; its annual flow of water is double that of the Ganges, three times that of the St.

Ganges, three times that of the St. Lawrence, five times that of the Nile. Argentina has the longest railway tangent (straight line) in the world, 186 miles. Its wheat plains are like those

of our west. The climate is similar.

Argentina's population grows 40 per cent in ten years, the United States 20 per cent, Germany 16 per cent. Of the 2,000,000 of immigrants received in Argentina in forty years more than half have been Italian.

In 1867 there were but 355 miles of railway in Argentina; in 1900 there were 10,601 miles, some 12 per cent belonging to the government. Argentina is ninth among the nations in rail-

way mileage.

Argentina has 120,000,000 sheep as against the 62,000,000 in the United

All Argentina suffered from the Baring crash in 1890, but recovery is now complete. Imports during 1899 were \$117,000,000 and exports \$185,000,000. From the United States came but \$15,-000,000 of the imports, and only \$8,000,-000 of exports were to this country.

Montevideo is in area the largest city in the world—three times the size of New York. Buenos Ayres, growing faster than New York, London or Berlin, is the biggest city in the world south of Philadelphia, except possibly the Chinese cities. It will reach the million mark in 1906.

Argentina is building one of the finest dry docks in the world, a model of which will probably be seen at St. Louis.

There is energy in South America-if you go far enough south.—New York World.

No Snow, but Sledding All the Year. "The island of Madeira is one of the most interesting portions of the globe," said a traveler. "Little has been said and less written about the primeval customs of the people and the quaint manners that still exist. I was in Funchal, the capital city, recently, and the English are beginning to frequent the island in large numbers. There are no borses on the island, and the natives employ no wheeled vehicles. All the moving about is done on sleds drawn by bulls. The runners are greased to make them glide easily over the pebble highways. Back of this city is a mountain, and a cog railroad runs to its top. The descent is made in sleds a distance of two miles to the city, and guides run the entire distance, guiding the sleds with ropes."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Food Adulteration.

State Chemist Walker of Nebraska after spending several weeks in analyzing tomato catchup and strawberry jam states that only one brand of catchup was found which was made from tomatoes and was not artificially colored. Pumpkin was found to form the basis of all the others, and the coloring is attained by means of coal tar dyes. Alleged strawberry jam in a number of cases he found was made chiefly from pumpkin, colored with coal tar dyes and containing a preservative in the form of benzoic. Timothy seed was also found to be an ingredient in some cases.

A Great Traveler.

Miss Gordon-Camming, the well known traveler, was born with an adventurous strain in her blood. She has rambled from Cornwall to the Himalayas, from California to Tibet. She has spent months on board a French man-of-war and more months cruising in Sir Arthur Gordon's yacht in Fijian seas. She is the twelfth child of Sir William Gordon-Cumming of Altyre (he married a second wife and had three more children, making fifteen in all). Her brother, Ronaleyne, was known the world over as "the lion hunter."

Sand and Frost.

In opening a Keene (N. H.) street to get at a frozen water pipe something like two feet of frozen earth was first removed and under this over a foot of dry sand was shoveled out as easily as it would be in summer time. Beneath this sand a different soil was found, and this lower stratum was frozen to a depth of over five feet from the surface. A layer of dry sand a foot or more in thickness underneath a heavy upper crust is usually a sufficient protection from frost.

Generals Pa and Ma.

Chinese names when spelled in English letters sometimes give funny results, as Hung Soop, a merchant in San Francisco. But more striking are two Chinese soldiers, General Ma, a division commander of the Chinese army, and General Paus (pronounced pa), a renegade who fought for Aguinaldo in the Filipino insurrection. Lately General Paus visited China and became acquainted with General Ma, and it is said the two are great friends.

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Vladivostok is described as being from a military standpoint very nearly impregnable, for it possesses so large a garrison that to invest it properly would require 150,000 men. The town stands at the head of a long, curving inlet known as the Golden Horn, in the corner of which lies the dockyard.

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